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SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY 619579 MEN HOW BY HOM STREET, STORY COUNTRY Rumania REPORT 25X1 **SUBJECT** Activities in the Port of Constanta DATE DISTR. 30 April 1954 NO. OF PAGES DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. RD 25X1 PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES This is UNEVALUATED Information THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE. THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) 25X1 There had been such heavy snow in Constanta that all the local population, on their free day, had to volunteer to help in clearing the harbor, quays, railroad tracks and highways. It was noticed that a large number of well dressed men and women were employed in clearing the snow. The laborers were using wheelbarrows and horse drawn carts to take the snow to the quayside to dump it into the harbor. A tanker, about 13,000 tons, grounded at the entrance to the petroleum basin. The tanker appeared to be drawing about 28 feet. All avail-25X1 able tugs were sent for, and even with these and the use of the tanker's main engines, it took some hours to free her. ship, which loaded at No. 16 berth had great difficulty in sailing. 25X1 3. The stern was towed away from the quay quite easily, but the ship was evidently 25X1 aground forward. Two tugs were assisting, the ship was not free and she was last seen lying at an angle to the quay with main engines going astern and the tugs still towing. 25X1 There was a shortage of oil in Constanta owing to the weather interrupting the flow of tank cars between the oil fields and Constanta. An underground oil fuel line runs between the eastern end of the north side of north mole, along the grain quay, north quay and passenger quay. The pilot stated that foreign ships could not use this line for bunkering. One connection was seen in berth 21, two connections were seen on the north quay, and there was at least one connection on the passenger quay.

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